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## Boat Smart Super Saturday Sails for Fun on Area Lakes

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 6, 2008 – Volunteers have teamed up with the US Army Corps of Engineers at area lakes for Boat Smart Super Saturday on May 17. Super Saturday, the kickoff to National Safe Boating Week, May 17-23, is geared to promote boating and water safety while having fun at the lake. “Wear It,” referring to life jackets, is the primary message for boaters to follow to arrive alive after a day on the lake.

The team will be ready at boat ramps around the lake on Super Saturday to greet visitors and remind them of tips to be safe on the water. With the warmer weather and summer approaching quickly, crowds are getting back out on the lakes.

“There’s a variety of volunteers participating from boaters, park hosts, clubs, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Scouts and more,” said Natural Resources Specialist Carolyn Bauer. “Volunteers view it as a nice way to take a few hours, greet visitors, enjoy being around the lake, and feel good about knowing the information they provide may save a life.”

“It’s a great time of year to enjoy water sports,” said Public Affairs Specialist Steve Foshee. “Boat Smart Super Saturday tackles the job of reminding people to have fun and yet to expect the unexpected. Prepare with the

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**right gear for your boat, wear a life jacket, use courtesy and common sense, and don't drink and boat."**

**Some tips for boaters:**

- 1) Expect the unexpected. Wear your life jacket.**
- 2) Avoid drinking and operating a boat.**
- 3) Keep a proper lookout – watch out for the "other guy."**
- 4) Use courtesy and common sense.**
- 5) Take a safe boating course.**

**"This is a great kickoff event to get folks started on every day being a boat smart day," said Randy Ventress, Staff Officer for Public Affairs of Division 11 8, Eastern Region, US Coast Guard Auxiliary. "Throughout the year we offer boating courses. We'll be at Bass Pro Shops on Super Saturday promoting life jacket wear and demonstrating the comfort of inflatable life jackets."**

**Area lakes that will participate in Boat Smart Super Saturday include Barkley, Cheatham, Old Hickory, J. Percy Priest, Cordell Hull, Center Hill, Dale Hollow, and Lake Cumberland.**